

Spiritual beer

Last semester I found myself in a predicament that occurs rather frequently. I had three different groups of friends whom I wanted to spend time with, but only one night to do it in. Fortunately, a plan of attack was developed: I decided to spend the first half of the night with one group and meet up with the other two groups at The Wagon Wheel (an off-campus bar).

The plan seems simple, but my fear was that the two groups would struggle to merge at The Wagon Wheel. Three of those involved had never met before and two had old grudges from years past. After putting in my time with the first group, I rushed to The Wagon Wheel, flattering

myself with the notion that my friends were incapable of

Respectful dissent By Luke Laboda

surviving each other's company without my presence. However, I was humbled as I walked into the midst of the

smoke and middle-aged failure that is The Wagon Wheel. In the corner were my previously incompatible friends seated around a cheap roundtable with three pitchers of beer acting as centerpieces. It turns out that after having a few beers, all of them were laughing uncontrollably.

By the end of the evening, topics ranging from the Founding Fathers to misplaced fecal matter were discussed. This is just another example of how alcohol makes everything more fun, right? No, it is deeper than that.

Alcohol does not equal fun; however, it does equal the

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Taking time to reflect on 9/11

Even if you don't remember what today marks, there is a feel in the air that should remind you there is something that needs to be remembered. Today marks the second anniversary of the fall of the Twin Towers. It also marks the fall of the belief that nothing can touch America and the fall of innocence for many of us who had never seen so much sadness and cruelty.

Sept. 11 is going to be to our generation what JFK's death was to our parents' generation. "Where were you when JFK was shot?" has now turned into, "Where were you when the towers fell?" It will always be remembered and mourned no matter how hard

people try to move on, and I believe that this is the way it

Depictions of reality By Emily Sheridan

should be.

Sept. 11 for me was definitely a time of awakening. I always felt that America was untouchable. We were the force

no one would want to reckon with and the country every other nation wanted to be like. I never thought other countries hated us for what we stood for and everything we had. Seeing those towers collapse and hearing all the stories of the lives lost made me appreciate being who I am in the country that I have come to appreciate and love.

I can't imagine living in a land where women have to cover their faces and be married off at the age of twelve, where political officials take the lives of people who don't share their same views and where wars are started in the name of religion. It could be that

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STUDENT SPEAKOUT

What or how will you tell your children about 9/11?

Today marks the two-year anniversary of Sept. 11, a day that will be remembered for years to come. It will be our job to recall the tragedies and events of that day for the next generation. It is up to us to decide what information to pass along and how we want that day to be remembered.
-Jackie Allegretto and Jen Maxson



"I remember the news coverage in the Student Auditorium...and how classes were cancelled."
Jason Dutton, junior, Pickerington



"I would explain to my children, 'Everyone has a reason for doing the things they do, but terrorist acts are a cowardly way of trying to prove your point without negotiation.'"
Angie Moore, senior, Springfield



"It was the most devastating thing I've seen in my lifetime. I even visited Ground Zero a year later, and emotions were still indescribable."
Grant Samblanet, freshman, Louisville



"I was on the way to class, and I remember everyone panicking, wondering what had happened. We soon discovered that there had been a terrorist attack and after seeing the devastation, I was sad and fearful."
Meghan Morgan, freshman, Newark



"I have saved magazine articles and newspaper clippings to show to my children so they will be able to see the devastation for themselves."
Megan Wetzel, senior, Edinburg, Va.

Philosopher Coming!

Was Plato a Platonist? Evidence from texts like the Theaetetus suggest otherwise. What is leadership? Many groups on campus discuss it, but is it a personal quality? Can it be taught? Is it purely situational?

Come join the Philosophy Club in intellectual discussion with a visiting philosopher on these topics of general interest. Paul F. Johnson is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin. His Ph.D. is from the University of Illinois. His talks are sponsored by the Philosophy Department here at Ashland University.

Between Platonism and Pragmatism: An Alternative Reading of the Theaetetus
Thursday, September 11, 2003
3 p.m., HCSC Auditorium

Three Models of Leadership
Friday, September 12
2 p.m., 339 A&H (Art History Room)

Bring some friends and join CAB
as they present...

Randi Driscoll

Thursday, September 18
9:00 p.m.
in Redwood

Enjoy this "coffeehouse" event as she sets the mood for a great show!

